

Correction of Some FY 2001 Hospice Wage Indices

After the publication of the October 6, 2000 Hospice Wage Index Notice (see *FR*/Vol.65, No. 195/October 6, 2000), we identified nineteen (19) inaccuracies in the wage index tables found in the *Federal Register* (Tables A and B). Upon identifying the inaccurate wage index values, we immediately took steps to ensure that the correct values were incorporated in our hospice payment software (PRICER). Therefore, hospice payments have been made with the correct hospice wage index values since October 1, 2000.

We intend to publish the corrected wage index values in the *Federal Register* as soon as practicable. However, we believed that it was important to make this information available as soon as possible to hospice providers.

The table below provides the inaccurate wage index values published in the *Federal Register*, as well as the correct wage index values found in the hospice PRICER. Hospice providers that do not find their MSA Code listed in the table below are not affected by this situation.

MSA Code	Published (FR) Wage Index	Correct Wage Index
0600	0.9603	0.9604
0840	0.9129	0.9188
1950	0.9277	0.9655
1960	1.0080	0.9277
2000	0.9576	1.0080
2020	0.9248	0.9576
2040	0.8867	0.8866
2840	1.0935	1.0934
2880	0.9258	0.9257
3285	0.8134	0.8133
5140	0.9681	0.9680
5483	1.3166	1.3165
6483	1.1391	1.1390
6640	1.0170	1.0169
6780	1.1945	1.1944
6800	0.8672	0.8671
9950	1.1131	1.1130
8160	1.1377	1.0029
6020	0.8869	0.8966